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GUTMAN FROM MADRID (MEETING WITH SHAH)

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES AND
IRAN HAD COMMON VIEWS ON A GREAT MANY MATTERS, AND HUMAN
RIGHTS, WHICH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS CAMPAIGNING
FOR WORLD-WIDE, DID NOT COMPLICATE RELATIONS.

POINTS REPORTED FROM SECRETARY'S NEWS CONFERENCE:
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--SHAH ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT US LATER THIS YEAR
(REPORTED ALSO BY AP AND UPI).

--SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENCES IN TALKS WITH SHAH. HE
DECLINED TO SPECIFY.

--HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WOULD NOT EFFECT ARMS SALES TO IRAN .
--SECRETARY EXPLAINED ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
TO SHAH AND SHAH EXPLAINED HIS VIEWS.

--RE EFFECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ON RELATIONS, SECRETARY
SAID 'I WOULDN'T SAY IT HAS COMPLICATED THE SITUATION.
ITS ONE FACTOR WHICH HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS AS IT DOES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT
I WOULDN'T USE THOSE WORDS' (OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH
PARTY STRESSED IN BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS THAT TREND IN
HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN WAS IMPROVEMENT.

--SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED, ECONOMIC STIMULUS STEPS PLAN-
NED AT LONDON SUMMIT, REGIONAL SITUATION, AFRICA AND BI-
LATERAL MATTERS.

--SHAH DID NOT EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ADMINISTRATIONS PLAN
TO REDUCE ARMS SALES (US OFFICIALS, REPORTED) GUTMAN, HAD
EXPECTED SHAH TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT PLAN).

--OUTSTANDING IRANIAN ORDERS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE
DISCUSSED.

--SECRETARY HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO MEET PAK FM.

--US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS WOULD OPEN IN MOSCOW WITH
US ALLIES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

--CURRENT PRICE OF OIL IS "FAIR AND ADEQUATE" AND SECRE-
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TARY HOPES IT WILL NOT BE RAISED.

GUTMAN FROM TEHRAN (ON SALT)

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE TODAY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE US AND
THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH PRELIMINARY
AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS THROUGH A SYNTHESIS
OF THE THREE PROPOSALS SO FAR PUT FORWARD.

OTHER POINTS:

--SECRETARY (DESCRIBED AS SENIOR OFFICIAL IN EARLIER
VERSION) SAID SYNTHESIS POSSIBLE BUT "WHETHER THAT WILL
OCCUR I CAN'T SAY".

OTHER POINTS ATTRIBUTED TO WELL-PLACED AMERICAN SOURCES

--SYNTHESIS WOULD BE A MODEST AGREEMENT ALONG VLADIVOSTOK
LINES WITH A STATEMENT OF INTENT TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS

TO DISCUSS REDUCTIONS OUTLINED BY US IN MOSCOW.

--DECLARATION OF INTENT WOULD EFFECTIVELY BIND THE PARTIES
NOT TO "REDEVELOP THE CRUISE MISSILE.

--US CONCERN OVER BACKFIRE SEEMED TO HAVE DIMINISHED SOME-
WHAT.

--US OFFICIALS WOULD BE SATISFIED IF THE SOVIETS WOULD GIVE
ASSURANCES IN AN OVERALL AGREEMENT THAT BACKFIRE COULD
NOT BE USED AS AN INTERCONTINENTAL STRATEGIC BOMBER.

--ASSURANCES WOULD INCLUDE LIMITATIONS ON TANKER FLEET.

--SOVIETS HAVE SAID THEY ARE INTERESTED IN HEARING THE
AMERICAN OF PROPOSED CONSTRAINTS AND WOULD REPLY
LATER.

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UPI

JIM ANDERSON FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE MET WITH SHAH MOHAMMED REZA PAHLAVI
FRIDAY AND SAID THEY REACHED BROAD AGREEMENT ON A WIDE
RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND WEAPONS
TRANSFERS.

OTHER POINTS:

--SECRETARY SAID HE EXPLAINED US POLICY ON ARMS TRANSFERS.

--SENIOR US OFFICIALS SAID US WOULD HAVE NO NEW PROPOSALS

ON ARMS LIMITATION TO MAKE AT GENEVA BUT US AND SOVIET
PROPOSALS COULD POSSIBLY BE COMBINED.

-"US OFFICIAL SAID ADMINISTRATION'S BROAD SWEEPING IDEAS
ON BOTH HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMS SALES WERE BEING MODI-
FIED AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION LEARNED SOME OF THE
REASONS BEHIND PRESENT POLICIES".

--SECRETARY SAID SHAH WAS NOT CONCERNED WHEN SECRETARY
EXPLAINED DETAILS OF ARMS EXPORT POLICY.

--SECRETARY SAID HE EXPLAINED US VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO
SHAH AND VICE VERSA.

-- THE GENERAL IMPRESSION GIVEN BY THE OFFICIALS, AND

VANCE'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS, IS THAT THE CARTER POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS GOING TO BE LESS PUBLIC AND LESS DEMANDING, AND THAT IT WILL BE CAREFULLY TAILORED SO THAT US NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS ARE GIVEN FULL WEIGHT IN JUDGING OTHER COUNTRIES."

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AP

RICHARD MEYER FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT NEGOTIATE A "SYNTHESIS" OF THEIR RIVAL PROPOSALS AT NEW STRATEGIC ARMS CONTROL TALKS NEXT WEEK IN GENEVA.

OTHER POINTS:

--SECRETARY SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT IF SYNTHESIS WOULD OCCUR.

--SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS WERE A CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE US IS READY TO COMPROMISE ON SALT.

--SECRETARY AND SHAH DIFFERED ON A FEW SPECIFICS BUT GENERALLY WERE IN AGREEMENT ON ISSUES RANGING FROM ARMS SALES, TO ENERGY TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

TV

CBS EVENING NEWS, WALTER CRONKITE

"SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE MET IN TEHRAN TODAY WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN AND AFTERWARDS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD AGREED ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING ARMS SALES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IRAN IS THE SINGLE LARGEST BUYER OF US ARMS. AS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, VANCE SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED US VIEWS AND THE SHAH EXPLAINED HIS. VANCE SAID THIS WOULD BE A FACTOR IN FUTURE US-IRANIAN RELATIONS.

NO MENTION OF TRIP ON ABC OR NBC.

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